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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS MATTERS

REF: (A) USNATO 1264 (DTG 081548Z MAR 77),
(B) STATE 50666 (DTG 080116Z MAR 77),
(C) STATE 49286 (DTG 050143Z MAR 77) (NOTALL.

1. SHORTLY AFTER SENDING REF A, WE RECEIVED A LETTER CIRCULATED MARCH 7 BY FRG POLAD TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT (A) ENCLOSES A COPY OF THE FRG DISCUSSION PAPER ON CW PRESENTED TO ACDA DIRECTOR IN WASHINGTON MARCH 3 (REF C), (B) PROPOSES A SPECIAL POLADS MEETING WITH FRG EXPERT ON THIS SUBJECT MARCH 25, AND (C) REQUESTS COMMENTS
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ON THE FRG PAPER BY MARCH 18.

2. COMMENT: TIMING OF THE FRG PROPOSAL IS AWKWARD IN LIGHT OF US DESIRE TO CONSULT INITIALLY WITH MAJOR ALLIES ON CW MATTERS. WE ARE SURPRISED THAT THE FRG HAS SURFACED THIS INITIATIVE AT NATO IN LIGHT OF THE US RESPONSE TO FRG SOUNDINGS IN WASHINGTON (REF C). AT THIS STAGE, WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THERE WAS A MIX-UP IN FRG COMMUNICATIONS, OR

FRG OFFICIALS DECIDED TO BROACH THE MATTER IN
NATO DESPITE US VIEWS. FRG PERMREP
PAULS HAS BEEN INSISTENT IN RECENT CONTACTS,
AS WE HAVE REPORTED, ON THE NEED FOR
CONSULTATIONS AT NATO ON ARMS CONTROL ISSUES.

3. WITH THE CIRCULATION OF THE FRG PAPER, WE
CANNOT PUT THE CATE BACK IN THE BAG, HERE AND AS WE
SEE THEM US ALTERNATIVES ARE: (A) TO APPROACH
THE FRG BILATERALLY WITH A REQUEST THAT THE FRG
SUGGEST POSTPONING DISCUSSION OF CW IN POLADS UNTIL
A LATER DATE; (B) TO CIRCULATE US COMMENTS ON
THE FRG PAPER WITH AN INDICATION THAT THE US IS
IN THE EARLY STAGES OF A STUDY OF CW POLICY
ISSUES AND THAT WE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO
PROVIDE OUR VIEWS TO THE ALLIES UNTIL A LATER DATE
SUCH AS THE APRIL 21-22 DISARMAMENT EXPERTS
MEETING; OR (C) TO ACCEPT THE FRG
PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL POLADS MEETING MARCH 25,
AND PERHAPS HAVE A US EXPERT FROM THE GROUP THAT
WILL BE CONSULTING WITH MAJOR ALLIES
PARTICIPATE IN THE POLADS MEETING. END COMMENT.

4. BEGIN TEXT FOR FRG POLAD'S LETTER:
PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED A GERMAN DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE
PROHIBITION OF CHECMICAL WEAPONS WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED BY
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MY AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO THE FORTHCOMING CCD-SESSION
IN GENEVA. THE QUESTION OF CHECMICAL WEAPONS IS BECOMING
INCREASINLY IMPORTANT AND WE FEELD THAT IT IS IN THE
INTEREST OF THE ALLIANCE TO CONSULT THIS SUBJECT IN THE
POLITICAL COMMITTEE BEFORE IT IS DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS
IN GENEVA FROM THE 28TH MARCH ON.

WE WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
POLITICAL COMMITTEE BE HELD ON FRIDAY THE 25TH MARCH TO
DISCUSS THIS MATTER. DR. HAUBER (HEAD OF THE SPECIAL
DISARMAMENT SECTION IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE) FROM
BONN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING.
THE GERMAN DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF FIRST REACTIONS
TO OUR PAPER SHOULD THERE BY ANY COULD BE TRANSMITTED
TO US BY 18TH MARCH.

I AM COPYING THIS LETTER AND ITS ENCLOSURE TO MY
COLLEAGUES IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.END TEXT
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